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The Tennessee Attorney General, the Division of Consumer Affairs and the Department of Health are pleased to announce that the State has reached a settlement with Dr. Charles Harlan and Forensic Pathology Associates, P.C. resolving allegations that they violated the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act.

The State filed a lawsuit against Dr. Harlan on December 12, 1997. One week later, the State and Dr. Harlan entered into an agreement that prohibits any alleged deceptive activity. In the settlement approved by Chancellor Kilcrease today, Dr. Harlan denies wrongdoing but agrees to a permanent injunction prohibiting him from representing or advertising that he is the State of Tennessee Chief Medical Examiner or appointed to any position by the State of Tennessee. The permanent injunction is basically the same injunction as the one entered in December.

Additionally, Dr. Harlan has also agreed to pay the State of Tennessee \$5,000.00 which represents attorneys' fees and a payment to the general fund. The State appreciated the cooperation of Dr. Harlan and Forensic Pathology Associates, P.C. in resolving this matter.